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Mrs. Edmond's Letters....No. 6.

To the Editor of the Christian Reflector.

DEAR SIR,—Among other objects of interest we visited while in Paris, was the Hotel Des Invalides, or asylum for old and disabled soldiers. It was founded by Louis XIV, in 1670; since that period it has received several additions to its size, and is now a building covering 16 acres of ground, enclosing 15 courts. During the reign of Napoleon, it was crowded with those of the military, who consequence of severe wounds, became incapacitated from further action. The inmates of this institution are boarded and clothed at royal expense, and they receive also a certain sum of money a month. It was a delightful summer morning when we visited this edifice, and as we entered the gates of its boundary, we found ourselves in the midst of a large party of the invalids, who, though in many instances frightfully crippled, seemed highly to enjoy the warm sunshine and balmy air. Some were sitting in groups, conversing with animated countenances, perhaps recounting the battles of the past, and living over in imagination the scenes of by-gone days. Others were curled up in some quiet corner, fast asleep in the sun. We were quite amused in observing one, who, as we passed up the garden walk to the entrance of the building, hobbled by us with surprising activity, utterly regardless of the lack of limb, for which his wooden cane seemed but a poor substitute. They were all quite aged veterans; and, clad in a half military garb, endeavored yet to retain the air of valor which once distinguished them. We were much pleased with the building; it is a fine old edifice, adorned with many carved images. Neatness and order seemed every where to prevail.

There are two churches, which constitute a part of the edifice. The interior of one, the Eglise Ancienne, is thickly hung with old banners, some decayed almost to mere shreds. These are chiefly African trophies. In Napoleon's time, nearly 3000 filled the nave. The gold ornaments to the pulpit are very rich, and the organ is a fine one. We could not obtain access to the other church, it being occupied by workmen, and their materials, the tomb of Napoleon being in process of construction. We were much disappointed, on learning that no visitors were allowed, for we had particularly wished to see the tomb of Bonaparte; also the dome of this church, the architecture of which is said to be exceedingly beautiful. After leaving the Invalides we visited the Musées Royaux, or Museums of the Louvre, and for hours we walked through galleries of paintings and statuary that seemed to have no end. Done by the first masters, no description can convey an idea of the effects they have upon a mind quick to perceive the beautiful, and admire nature fresh from the pencil of art—and so faithfully copied as to make a most vivid impression. In these galleries we saw students, of both sexes, painting with as much ease as in their own studios. They were at liberty to copy whatever they chose, Rubens, Claude, Lorraine, Salvator, Rosa, Murillo, Raphael, and the long host of eminent artists who from time to time have given to the world the productions of an immortal genius. An excellent opportunity is thus afforded to all lovers of the art for improvement and the cultivation of a pure taste. France truly deserves much praise for the manner in which she conducts her public institutions. The doors of them are thrown wide open to all classes, foreigners as well as natives, so that pecuniary inability need hide from the world no talents that might be an honor and blessing to society.

Paris has many elegant public buildings, arches, gardens, &c., but most of the streets are excessively dirty and disagreeable. A great amount of filth is allowed to accumulate, poisoning the air, and exciting much disgust in the mind of a stranger, particularly an American, accustomed to a cleanliness observable in many of the cities of his native land, which seems here to be unthought of, as well as unknown. Nor is Paris alone in this respect; it is so in the smaller cities of France, and the continent. Paris is built on both sides of the Seine; on this river are many floating baths, and large boats, filled with women, who constitute the washer-women of the city; honor and a praise in the land. In con-

and there is no small body of them. It is quite amusing to see them, on a pleasant morning, all busily at work dipping the garments into the river, and then beating or pounding them with sticks, which answers for the use of soap, that article being considered too expensive. Paris has many novel sights; the inhabitants themselves, their manners, &c., are frequently quite amusing. There is one thing which I must take the liberty here to censure. It is this. We were surprised as well as indignant to see how many Americans were fond of aping the manners, dress and general appearance of the Parisians, manifesting in their attempts as much eagerness as though upon their success depended altogether their rank in society; it made some of them appear very ridiculous—but for fashion's sake will not people do?

At the expiration of the period allotted for our visit in this city, we engaged places for ourselves in the diligence for Strasburgh. A beautiful morning ushered in the day of our departure; we mounted the vehicle, the driver cracked his whip, the *conducteur* blew his horn, and at a rapid pace we rattled away out of Paris, saying as we passed in barriers, that it was a fine city to visit, but an ungenial one in which to reside. Our first day's journey was delightful. Two Americans were our companions, and conversation soon became quite lively and full of interest. The scenery was fine, and the roads, unprotected on either side, were good; fences or walls seem to be almost unknown in France. Every thing is open to view, and I might add, to the gratification of the passer-by, for trees loaded with fruit grew close by the roadside, and no claimant stood by to protect them from plunderers. However, the fear of the law in case of detection, is strong enough to account for this apparent show of honesty on the part of the people.

Sometimes we rode, as it were, through luxuriant vineyards, and small towns, quaint and old, and once strongly fortified; a part of their outer walls yet remains, and our entree chance to be made in the night, we were obliged to halt till the gates should be opened. We were two days and two nights in journeying to Strasburgh. Our stoppings were all short, with one exception. We remained six hours in the town of Nancy, a little more than half way. During the second night we rode through a small town, where, at midnight, the inhabitants were celebrating a fete in honor of some saint; the streets were lighted by lamps in glass cases, suspended midway across. When morning dawned we found ourselves descending, by a winding road, a long range of steep hills; Strasburgh lay far below us, glittering in the rays of the morning sun. Beyond it were the black forests of Germany, and a part of the Alpine range of mountains, blue with the mist of early dawn. In a few hours we reached the city, and obtained a nearer view of its magnificent cathedral, whose towering steeple had long been discernible in the distance. We were much fatigued, and were glad indeed to reach a place of rest; for pleasant as a journey may be, it is wearisome to ride two days and two nights in a French diligence. But I must close here. My next shall contain some particulars respecting Strasburgh, and our journey along the borders and upon the Rhine.

Yours with much esteem,  
AMANDA M. EDMOND.

For the Christian Reflector.

Atkinson Academy.

MR. EDWARD.—Will you be so kind as to inform your readers that Atkinson Academy, a star, of no small magnitude in the sky of literature, is emerging from the eclipse in which she has been so long obscured, and is beginning to shine with her original brightness. If you have visited Atkinson, I need not tell you that it is beautifully situated, commanding from its centre, on the one hand, a view of the White Mountains, and on the other the ocean, with the meanderings of the fertile Merrimac. It is a town that numbers few inhabitants, and presents few inducements calculated to allure the student from the pursuit of knowledge. The people are very friendly,—place famous for health and long life—board low, and in good families. The Academy building has recently been repaired and painted, and a philosophical apparatus at the expense of more than \$200, purchased. The trustees are determined, with the smiles of the community, to raise this institution to an equality with similar ones of the day. They have secured the services of an able instructor, kind yet resolute, attentive to business, and beloved by all. They confidently invite the sympathy and patronage of the community for this venerable institution, now that she is pluming herself for a more extended sphere of usefulness. Will not her former students, they who live in the immediate vicinity, and the people at large, bear her in kind remembrance? To the friends of sound learning, pure principles and ardent piety, to lovers of good order, of New England institutions, and the general peace and prosperity of our country and the world, we appeal, hoping that through their patronage, the institution we commend may become, what she once was, an

elusion, I would remark that nearly 50 scholars have been in attendance during the present term. The winter term will commence Nov. 18th, and continue 11 weeks. Tuition for common English studies, will be \$3.50, and for the languages and higher English branches, with the use of apparatus, \$4.00. Piano music, with the use of the piano, \$6.00 per term. Price of board from \$1 to \$1.50 per week. J. W. Ray, Principal. OMICRON. Atkinson, N. H. Nov. 1st, 1844.

For the Christian Reflector.

Christianity and Civil Government.

MY DEAR BROTHER.—The following is an extract from a sermon I preached last Fast-Day, on the relation of Christianity to civil government, &c., which is at your disposal.

Text.—'What profit is it that we have kept his ordinance?'—Col. 3:14.

It seems appropriate on this occasion, to consider the relation that Christianity sustains to civil government. I remark, then, that it is not the same as under the Mosaic economy. Judaism was a national religion; it had a design to accomplish as such. God chose this nation as the depository of his written word, and the medium through which to reveal his will to men. Jerusalem, with its temple worship, was a standing witness for God before the world; with all its types and shadows pointing forward to Christ—the world's great sacrifice for sin. It had more than a spiritual connexion with Christ; it was hereditarily allied to him according to the flesh; hence the spiritual of religion are thus made to guide and control civil government, and lead its influence to give effect and permanency to its institutions.

The difference between this and a national church will readily be perceived. In the one case you have the body politic, having for their end the good of society, acquire permanency; being upheld not by arbitrary power, but by the moral sentiments of the people. The supremacy of laws is guarded from the encroachments of power on the one hand, and the infractions of popular violence on the other. Christianity teaches rulers how to govern, and subjects how to obey; legislators how to make laws, and the people how to observe them. The spirit and principles of religion are thus made to guide and control civil government, and lead its influence to give effect and permanency to its institutions.

The difference between this and a national church will readily be perceived. In the one case you have the body politic animated by the spirit of the world.

In the other you have the body politic imbued with the spirit of Christ. The one carries the principles of worldly policy into the church of Christ; the other the principles of Christian morality into the halls of legislation and to the ballot box; and makes them the rule of action in all our civil relations.

E. G. S.

For the Christian Reflector.

The weak faith of the present day may ext-  
erminate, success is assured so long as God's  
children gird up the loins of their minds,  
and the love of Christ reigns in their  
hearts. In this day of outward effort,  
there is danger that the inward man will be  
neglected in the absorbing action for the  
world without. The most active benevolence,  
unless it be consecrated on the altar of  
personal piety, will fail in reaching the  
hearts of men. The usefulness of the  
church of Christ is upheld by its holiness.  
The promises of God have respect to the  
holy efforts of his children, and are based  
upon the presumption that they live near to  
him. When they use the right means in  
the right spirit, he will succor them.

True affecting Destitution.

From a correspondent of the Home Mission Society.—  
On Lake Michigan, just opposite Chicago,  
and on the mouth of the St. Joseph  
River, stands the village of St. Joseph.  
The Gazetteer says, that five years ago  
there were 1200 or 1500 inhabitants within  
its narrow bounds. It is an extraordinary  
place. It has a good harbor—the best on  
that side of the Lake, and the U. S. govern-  
ment are improving it. It is the outlet  
of a rich, very rich valley, and it will be  
a place of importance.

It has now five hotels, fifteen places for  
retailing ardent spirits, several ten pin alleys,  
and Roulette and Billiard tables. I  
know not how many. Many persons roll  
ten-pins on Sundays as on other days,  
except that, for decency's sake, they muzzle  
their boards, and they are not behind the  
times in the usual forms of vice. Very few  
keep the Sabbath as holy time, but it is  
the most as a day of pastime and amusement,  
or of their customary labor.

They have no district school, and I  
could not ascertain that there was any  
school except a select one kept by Mr.  
Hawley, who also preaches in the place  
once on the Sabbath. There is no organized  
church of any denomination, in the place,  
and no meeting house. One poor little school  
house serves as a common place of  
worship. Besides Mr. Hawley, a Methodist  
circuit minister preaches once on the  
Sabbath.

There are ten or twelve Baptists there,

and not more than that number of any denomina-  
tion. They all seem to think that no man  
cares for their souls, and I fear they care  
too little for themselves.

While the population is constantly in-  
creasing, no good influences seem to spring  
up among them. These, if enjoyed at all,  
must come from other sources. I think an  
arrangement could be made by which a  
minister could be sustained to labor con-  
stantly in the place.

UNUSUAL LIBERALITY.

The following note was transmitted to  
the Treasurer of the Home Mission Society  
a few days since, by a gentleman, who  
stated that the author was a 'Christian  
brother, not worth fifteen hundred dollars,  
but accustomed to do such things.'

Considering the amount of his property, it is  
being imitated by all the disciples of Christ.

It is a favor to effect the elevation of a  
favorite political candidate to an eminent  
place for four years? Do not their expen-  
ditures of time and money for the extension  
of the Redeemer's kingdom and the rescue  
of their fellow mortals from degradation  
and woe, and their elevation to stations,  
not of worldly honor, but those of eternal  
blessedness and glory, appear insignificant  
in the extreme? Can they remain content  
with such a disparity? Shall not the re-  
buke administered by all this expenditure  
of time and money for mere temporal  
object, produce humility and grief, and  
urge to efforts and sacrifices corresponding  
somewhat with the magnitude of the interest  
committed to their trust? If so desirable  
a result should follow this prodigality  
of money and effort in a political struggle,  
and the great commission to 'Preach the  
gospel to every creature' should be now  
seriously regarded and carried out, this  
lesson administered will not be without  
great benefit. O that some profit might  
be obtained from it if possible. And as it  
is, nothing but evil unmixed and increasing  
evil ensues to both parties from this exciting  
tumultuous system of mass meetings.  
And as we have before observed, the prominent  
men of both parties must discern it  
hereafter, or the ruin of the republic is  
inevitable.—N. Y. Bap. Reg.

Can all this be endured and the country  
sustain no injury? Impossible. Those to  
be sure who have full purses may not mind it,  
but thousands on thousands can neither  
afford the expenditure of money nor time;  
and the injury that must ensue to them and  
their families and creditors, will be bitter  
and serious. They will feel it sensibly  
after the election day is over—and to a  
few it will be the beginning of distraction  
and bankruptcy.

Now cannot Christians look at this and  
derive some advantage; when they con-  
template such a vast amount of money, and  
effort to effect merely the elevation of a  
favorite political candidate to an eminent  
place for four years? Do not their expen-  
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tters of controversy, great and small, with  
multitudes of men of every character and  
condition in life, and I have invariably  
found that men, themselves capable of  
every species of falsehood, are ever fore-  
most to impute that same propensity to  
others.'

There is no mystery in this—they have  
derived their opinions of other men from  
the study of what is in their own hearts.

Zion's Advocate.

Waste of Time and Money.

We adverted in our remarks some weeks  
since to the prodigal waste of time and  
money inseparable from the great mass  
meetings in which the two leading political  
parties are engaged—as among other things,  
inflicting great injury upon the country.  
But the extent of this injury is but imper-  
fectedly appreciated.

The money expended at one Convention  
in the city of Baltimore alone, on the nomi-  
nation of Mr. Clay, was estimated to be at  
least \$200,000; the subsequent Convention  
at which Mr. Polk was nominated, the  
expenditure was no doubt quite as much,  
and probably more; for a considerably  
longer time was occupied in determining  
on the candidates; and all this, be it re-  
membered, is entirely aside from the much  
larger sum that must have been expended  
by delegates from the various States on  
their way to Baltimore. Half a million for  
each, beside the time employed, would be a  
moderate computation: which makes up  
a million of dollars for the two! Now who  
can enumerate the various immense mass  
meetings held in the different States since  
those assemblies, for the successful prosecu-  
tion of their respective objects, at which twenty,  
thirty, or forty thousand people are  
said, with great boasting, to have been  
present? It would require laborious  
research to make them out with any accuracy.  
And how many thousands, as millions,  
would this add to the previous expenditure?  
several million, certainly. And when to  
all this is added the time positively lost and  
wasted—the time of the farmer, the me-  
chanic, and the professional man—the ag-  
gregate becomes appalling.

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Money.

It is astonishing how much the Bible says of  
money. The characters of men are more thor-  
oughly developed by money than by any other  
means. It is the hottest crucible in which a  
man is to be tried. The world is a  
speaking of it. Man is a steward. Nothing that  
he possesses is his own. The fee simple of not  
a foot of land lies in him. It lies in the throne  
of God, and the occupier is nothing but a tenant,  
—more tenant at will,—bound to use every  
penny of his estate for God's glory, and to render  
a strict account at last. What a light does  
Christ's own command throw upon this doctrine.  
Man is a steward, to whom he is intrusted  
the management of his estate. Christ's own  
example is the best. He who  
could not afford to leave his master to  
the mountains to pour forth their voices for him,  
and to the deepest earthiness relative to the care of a  
portionless son,—thus throwing a salutary  
rebuff upon those who will not trust God, parting  
with their substance at his command.

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## LIVE PEACEABLY.

Whoever allows himself to be governed by the first impulses of his nature, will very imperfectly fulfil the apostolic injunction, 'If it be possible, as much as lie in you, live peaceably with all men.' The right, and sometimes the duty of self-defence, is very apt to be regarded as a sufficient reason why we should repel every unjust charge—disprove every false accusation, show up every instance of wrong or abuse to which we are subjected, and appeal against the author of that wrong and abuse to a 'dissenting public.' But those persons, against whom a man of honest purposes and peaceful disposition may have occasion to defend himself, are generally persons with whom to be found contending, injures such a man more than their abuse. They are frequently persons who will never acknowledge themselves in error, or, to effect a reconciliation, make the slightest concession. Claiming to have a judgment superior to all around them, and having long since adopted, as the wiser policy, the principle of never retracting from any step, or apologizing for any act, of their own, however hasty or injudicious, a reconciliation with them can only be secured by a tacit or implied acknowledgement of their infidelity. Nothing is gained with such persons by a statement of facts, reasons or motives; and hence it is better to let their misrepresentations and unjust imputations pass unnoticed than to attempt to remove them. Every man knows when he suffers wrongfully; and if he be a Christian, he has confidence in the Being who rules righteously over all, that in due time his reputation will be cleared from every blot unjustly cast upon it, and his character appear but the brighter for the trials to which it has been subjected. There is nothing like a *conscience void of offence*. It is better that the whole world should condemn us than our hearts. If we are at peace in ourselves, we can labor peacefully, sleep quietly, trust confidently, and meet componently the greatest provocations and the severest disappointments. With such a peace,

'Though we, in full session, feel  
The weight, the wounds our God ordains,  
We smile and own our newest woes,  
And triumph in our sharpest pains.'

## \*THERE IT STANDS.

The admirable illustration of 'Old Humphrey,' which we endeavored to turn to good account, two weeks ago, has been applied by our brother of Zion's Advocate in a manner, if possible, still more impressive. He copies the whole of Old Humphrey's remarks, of which we 'gave but a part, and then says he was reminded of that oak tree—while looking over the pages of a pamphlet whose author seems not little troubled with the words of our Lord, Matt. 10: 28, "Fear not them which kill the body, but are not able to kill the soul; but rather fear him which is able to destroy both soul and body in hell." These words,' he continues, 'have been a vexatious passage to Universalists ever since they began to abandon the original ground of future punishment. The question will occur, Why should our Divine Teacher urge us to fear something after we are killed, if he knew that there is no punishment beyond death? Mr. Gunnison, Mr. Drew, and others have labored hard to remove this difficulty. But **THERE IT STANDS.**'

The editor proceeds to state several ways in which other Universalists have endeavored to get round this passage, but still, like the old oak, 'there it stands.' Yes, and it will stand forever.

What a trouble it is to us, that the Bible is sometimes so uncompromising! *We must conform to that*, for it will not conform to us. Read it as we will, use the original or a translation, take a single passage, or a whole chapter, still it is the same rigid, positive law-giver and truth-teller. It contains some passages on baptism, which are exceedingly troublesome to a portion of the Christian community; but still they stay there; and not one of them will abate aught of its uncompromising character.—Well, after all, though it sometimes bears hard upon us, especially in that matter of *forgiving*, to which Old Humphrey refers,—we like it all the better for this. No, we would not alter the Bible if we could. O for a heart fully disposed to receive its doctrines, and obey its precepts!

## RECOGNITION AT EAST BOSTON.

The Baptist church recently constituted in East Boston was publicly recognized, by appropriate religious services, on Thursday evening last. The intense political excitement, and the attractions of a great torch procession in the city, drew the crowd in other directions, and the audience was in consequence much smaller than it would otherwise have been. It was not so small, however, as to detract from the interest of the services. These were very gratifying and encouraging to the little band, which has there, under most favorable auspices, planted the standard of the Redeemer. The Council had met the afternoon, and unanimously approved of what had been done—of the records, articles of faith, and covenant; and the parts were assigned and performed as follows:

Reading of Scriptures, Rev. J. W. Olmstead, of Chelsea; Prayer, Rev. J. W. Parker, of Cambridge; Sermon, Rev. Baron Stow, of Boston; Prayer of Recognition, Rev. Wm. Hague, of Boston; Right Hand of Fellowship, Rev. R. H. Neale, of Boston; Charge to the church, Rev. R. Turnbull, of Boston; Concluding Prayer, Rev. S. Howe, of Hingham.—The other pastors of Boston were not present on account of their absence from the city.

The sermon, by Mr. Stow, was founded on Col. 1: 18. 'And he is the Head of the Body, the church.'—After a very appropriate introduction, the great idea of the text was presented under the following analysis: 1. Christ, as Head of the church, is the bond of union. 2. As Head, he is the seat of intelligence. 3. As Head, he is the source of life. 4. As Head, he is the centre of authority. The analogy of the human body was employed to illustrate each of these points; and the important truth thus conveyed was followed by a series of reflections. Of these we give an outline. 1. How entire is our dependence upon Christ. 2. How grateful should we be for such a Head. 3. Let us ever acknowledge and treat him as Head. 4. Let it be our aim to bring souls into union with Christ as the Head.—The discourse was a timely and

impressive exposition of a great and glorious doctrine, and was listened to with deep interest.

In extending the hand of fellowship, the Rev. Mr. Neale alluded, most happily, to certain facts connected with the early history of his own church, the first organized by the Baptists in Boston. In 1668, the little persecuted band were accustomed to meet 'on Noddle's Island, at the house of brother Gould,' which was probably not far from the very spot where we were assembled. In those meetings, the church records inform us, 'Bro. Gould was the principal speaker.' The contrast between the state of things at that period, and at the present, and the glorious results which have followed that beginning, and which may follow this, were admirably depicted by our affectionate brother.

The congregation from which this church has

arisen, has been supplied with preaching during the past year by the editor of the Christian Reflector. His other pressing labors have induced him positively to decline serving them longer. The church has, therefore, extended an unanimous call to another man, who it is thought is pre-eminently adapted to do the work of a pastor in this important field. As he has not certified his acceptance of the call, and may decline, we withhold, for the present, his name.

## TO THE REV. RICHARD FULLER, D. D.

MY DEAR BROTHER.—I have read with great interest your letter on Domestic Slavery the Christian Reflector of the present week. Although it is addressed to the Editor, yet, as the sentiments which I have elsewhere advocated are specially referred to, I presume you will not consider it obtrusive, if I ask the privilege of offering a few remarks in illustration of the doctrine from which you dissent. I fully believe that you, equally with myself, desire to arrive at the truth on this question. If by the kind and fraternal exhibition of our views we can throw any light upon this difficult subject, we shall, I am sure, perform an acceptable service both to the church of Christ, and to our beloved country.

With many of the sentiments in your letter I heartily coincide. I unite with you and the late lamented Dr. Channing, in the opinion that the tombs of the abolitionists at the North has been frequently, I fear I must say generally, fierce, bitter and abusive.' The abolition press has, I believe from the beginning, too commonly indulged in an exaggerated statement, in violent denunciation, and in coarse and lacerating invective. At our late Missionary Convention in Philadelphia, I heard many things from men who claim to be the exclusive friends of the slave that pained me more than I can express. It seemed to me that the spirit which many of them manifested was very far removed from the spirit of Christ. I also cheerfully bear testimony to the general courtesy, the Christian unanimity, and the calmness under provocation, which, I think, in a remarkable degree characterized the conduct of the members from the South.

While, however, I say this, it is no more than right that I should add, that I seem to have perceived grave errors in the manner in which this subject has been treated, in the slaveholding States. If, at the North, the right of free discussion has been abused, I think that frequently at the South, this right has been denied to American citizens. I have seen asserted that the people of this country *in substance* asserted that the people of this country *in substance* right to discuss the subject of slavery at all. I am sure that you will agree with me in condemning every assumption of this kind. There is no subject whatever, which I have not a perfect right to discuss in the freest and fullest manner, in public or in private, provided I act with an honest intention to set before men what I consider to be important truth, and address myself to their understanding and conscience. I claim this right as a citizen of the United States, or, rather I claim it by a far higher title, as an intelligent creature of God. I can only surrender it with my life. I consider the threat of abridging it as an insult to the nature which has been given me by my Creator. If I abuse this right, I may be justly punished, and I grant that the punishment, both civil and social, should be exemplary. The right, however, as I have stated it, still remains interwoven with the essential elements of my moral nature.

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I would in passing offer another suggestion. The ground which has been taken by the South, to the whole question of slavery, seems to me to be of recent origin. At the time of the adoption of the Constitution, I think it was very generally acknowledged throughout this country, that slavery was an evil, and a wrong, and that it was, tacitly at least, understood to be the duty of those States in which it existed, to remove it as soon as practicable.

Pennsylvania had already commenced this work, and moved on steadily by successive acts to its completion. There was at that time much less distinction at present, between slaveholding and non-slaveholding States. It was, think, considered as an evil and a wrong in which the whole country was in different degrees involved, and which the whole country was under a solemn moral obligation to remove. The subject was every where freely discussed.

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object of abolishing slavery, and it failed to pass only by the casting vote of the speaker.

The presentation of memorials to Congress, on the subject of slavery, has of late been esteemed as an intolerable grievance. Formerly it was not so considered.

On the 8th day of December, 1791, memorials from Societies for the abolition of slavery, from the States of Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, Pennsylvania, Maryland and Virginia, were presented and read in the House of Representatives, and were referred to a select Committee. In the memorial from Connecticut it is stated, 'that the whole system of African slavery is unjust in its nature, impolitic in its principles, and in its consequences ruinous to the industry and enterprise of the citizens of these States.' The memorialists from Pennsylvania say, 'we wish not to trespass on your time by referring to the different declarations made by Congress, on the *unadvisable right of all men to equal liberty*; neither would we attempt in this place to point out the inconsistency of extending freedom to a part only of the human race.'

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the author, in giving an account of the progress of his book, says—Whereas, when you last saw my traveller, he was in 'Sunny-day,' on 'Prospect Hill,' descending 'Rush-down Roads,' and in 'Serip Wood,' in the house of that venerable old man, 'Sacred Chronicle,' looking through the 'Caster-scope; also at 'Pilgrimville' on 'Mount Isidell' in 'Hightown,' and then in 'Lowtown,' and then in the next little village of 'Outside-show,' under the care of 'D. Head-lightly,' taking that soothing pill—composed of a certain admixture of wax candles, sprigs of myrtle, and twigs of fir-tree, &c.; and whereas, I say, you saw him in these places, you might, if you were here, be him farther advanced, even on the borders of 'Dark-land,' and not far from the land of Outer-darkness; for whereas I told you that

'I did wish, that I like dreaming John, Might have a dream to found my writing on; So dream I did—yea, in the land of dreams I saw great sights, and heard most dismal screams Of noisy devils, howling in their den, O'er slaughtered heaps of guilty, slaughtered men.'

There,—is not that glorious John's own poetry? Rather smoother I admit, but has not the author caught the spirit, and does he not write with the quill of the old tinker himself?

Yours,

#### Miscellanea.

**MILLERISM.**—The following extract from the Second Advent Herald, if you take it soberly, is indeed most pitiable; if you take it humorously, it is most amusing and laughable. We must give up Mr. Himes as incorrigible. This surpasses all we have seen before, and nothing more remarkable can come after it. He says:

'In view of all the circumstances attending this movement, the blessed effect it has produced on the minds of God's children, and the hatred and malice his enemies have displayed, we must still regard it as the true drought cry. It is still in a few cases, which are not of the ten virgins; for when they had arisen and trimmed their lamps, there was still to be a time when the lamps of the foolish virgins would be going out. This could not be without a passing by of that day, for till that time their lamps would burn. There must therefore be a passing by of that day, for the foolish to give up their faith, as there must have been '43, for the tarrying time. A little delay is therefore no cause for despatching the day when we expect God is in the fulfillment of his word. Let us therefore hold fast in the profession of our faith, without wavering; for He is faithful who has promised.'

In Zion's Herald, we find another communication from a Second Advent man, of a very different character. Its author commands our respect and confidence. Let such men, brethren, have your hands and hearts. He writes as follows:

'I hereby acknowledge that I have fallen into a very erroneous belief that Christ would make his second advent on the 22d of December, in consequence of the above error I embraced some other errors, and I also believed it to be my duty to withdraw from the M. E. Church which I did. But I am now convinced that notwithstanding I was sincere in doing what I did, it was a wrong act in me, for which I am sorry, and hope these my errors and wrong will be overlooked by God and his people, and who have been in any way injured by my conduct. I have all along given up the idea of fixing on any definite time for the coming of Christ, as all former calculations in reference to that subject have failed, and I think there is no evidence of the definite time. I advise all who are now members of the Methodist Church to avoid doing as I have done in leaving the church, and all who have left the church in consequence of what is commonly called the advent doctrine, without wavering; for it is the truth that James K. Polk will be the next President of the United States.'

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The Montreal Herald of Wednesday says:

'The snow storm and wind has continued for twenty-four hours, and up to the time of writing, to press no news had arrived, which accounts for the absence of any further election news.'

Mrs. Lucy B. Ball, wife of Rev. Dr. Ball, the subscriber, has been constituted, through declining health, to relinquish, at least for a time, the more active duties of the ministry—having, also, commenced to have, some time ago, a complaint of a regular affection of the heart, and has regularly attended at his friend Dr. Weston's Medical College, vicinity, and the lectures, and professional and practical studies in that of the Worcester Medical College, and will be with that of the Boston Medical College, in Walnut St., Boston.

CALVIN NEWTON.

**THEOLOGICAL PURSUITS IN THE ESTABLISHMENT.**—A Leda paper states the following rather novel engagements for the ministers of the English church: in the game lists of English newspapers, published in no fewer than six of the Yorkshire papers, have been inserted shooting licenses for the present season. Now, this may be quite apostolic, and according to the 'canons' of the church, though we confess our inability to quote the precise chapter and verse from the New Testament, in which shooting is enjoined as one of the duties of the Christian minister. It is true he is enjoined to have a report of them which is without, though it is not anywhere stated that the report is to be that of the Jon Manton.

**MAYOR OF NEW YORK TO THE MAYOR OF LONDON.**—The booksellers of New York have decided to present to Miss Jane Porter an arm-chair as a token of respect for her distinguished literary talents, committed the matter to Mayor Harper to manage. He has addressed the London Mayor the following letter:

MAYOR'S OFFICE,  
New York, Oct. 30, 1844.

My Lord,—A number of Booksellers, Publishers, &c., have requested the undersigned to forward to London a token of their esteem for Miss Jane Porter, your distinguished countrywoman.

Being unable to obtain an accurate knowledge of her residence near your colossal east, I pray your Lordship to excuse the liberty I venture to take in requesting you to receive the case under your protection for Miss Porter.

Any services which are in my power to reciprocate, will be rendered to your Lordship, for her Majesty's subjects. I offer in sincerity, and pray your Lordship to command them.

I am your Lordship's very faithful servant,

JAMES HARPER,  
Mayor of the City of New York.

To the Lord Mayor, &c. &c. of London, G. B. (By the packet ship Victoria.)

**REMARKABLE ESCAPE.**—Capt. Isaac Cook of Brooklyn, met with a serious accident and a remarkable escape from death, while passing the crossing of the Worcester railroad, on Tremont street, last Thursday. Capt. C. was driving a valuable and spirited horse in a chase, and just before reaching the track, the engine, approaching, and the train, having turned the curve closed the gate, Capt. C. being upon the side of the track opposite the gate. The horse being frightened, made a sudden plunge across the track only a few rods in front of the engine and with such great force as to break away the gate, which was made of heavy joist, four by six inches, and strongly braced. If the gate had not been broken, the horse, in his effort to escape, must have been crushed under the locomotive.

—But the gate giving way, the horse struck a few violent plunges separated himself from the broken chain, and ran off. Capt. Cook was thrown out, but slightly injured. The horse ran the whole length of the Tremont road, and strange to say, finally brought up against a pile of machinery, and broke one of his hind legs at the thigh, but, though slightly injured, was able to run.

He was of course immediately killed. The horse was a very valuable one, belonging to a pair. The escape of Capt. Cook is the most remarkable one of the kind. An old newspaper debt is always paid at the hardest. If one stands against you of \$7, up to Jan. next, pay \$8, and the paper shall be received to you till Jan. 1846.

**BILLS FOR THE REFLECTOR.**—We wish all who receive their bills from this office distinctly to understand, that if they cannot pay without a sacrifice of the necessities of life—if they are absolutely too poor to pay, at present, they have only to inform us of the fact. Do not borrow money, and stop the paper, i. e., if you desire to receive it; but tell us frankly the facts, and the account shall stand till you can pay; or (if you ask it) shall be cancelled. But those who are able to pay their honest dues, are earnestly asked to do so as soon as possible. For we need them. It is much better to be prompt in masters of this kind. An old newspaper debt is always paid at the hardest. With these facts before them I think no one will deem the resolution as a 'forced, premature, or uncalculated act.'

A WITNESS.

**Editor's Table.**

**HERVEY'S MEDITATIONS.**

The Meditations among the Tombs, Reflections on a Flower Garden, Contemplations on the Night, and on the Starry Heavens, by Rev. James Hervey, are uniting in a beautiful volume of nearly 300 pages, and offered to the public, by Robert Carter. The book appears in a uniform style with Old Humphrey's Works, and many others from the same house. Hervey's writings have been dear to many Christians.

The sweet spirit of devotion, the simple, yet ornate and flowing style, and the delightful transitions from one scene and subject to another, give a peculiar charm to the pages of this volume. It is adapted to please and profit young Christians; especially such as love the beauties of nature.

ADPEAL TO CHRISTIAN MOTHERS.

This is an appeal in behalf of the heathen, by the Rev. John Seudder, M. D. It is a neat and cheap little volume of 63 pages, and is published by the American Tract Society. It is rich with instruction, and with important sentiments, affectionately urged by one who has passed a large portion of his life in India. It ought to be circulated among Christian mothers far and wide. For sale at No. 28 Cornhill, Boston, and at 150 Nassau St., New York.

**THE ALBUM OF LOVE.**

An elegant, gilt-edged, miniature volume, dedicated 'to those who have already learned to love, and to those who have yet to love.'

—of course, then, to all our readers. It is composed of choice scraps of poetry from a great number of authors. Published by ISAAC TOMPSON, No. 9 Cornhill.

**SARGENT'S LIFE OF HENRY MARTYN.**

This excellent biography of one whose praise is in all Christian lands, and whose memory succeeding generations will honor, has been re-published by Mr. Carter, of New York, and is now offered to the public for fifty cents!

The volume contains the introductory essay by Prof. B. B. Edwards, and all the matter embraced in the edition which was issued in this city a few years since by Perkins & Marvin.

For sale by Gould, Kendall & Lincoln.

**TEMBERANCE ALMANAC.**

This popular Almanac, which has been published for several years by the Massachusetts Temperance Union, has again appeared for 1845, with its usual amount of interesting reading. Sold at No. 9 Cornhill.

**CATALOGUE OF BROWN UNIVERSITY.**

From the Catalogue of the University, just issued we learn that the total number of students is at present 157; Seniors 36, Juniors 47, Sophomores 41, Freshmen 39, Students in the partial course 3. The number of Instructors is nine, LITTELL'S LIVING AGE.

We have just received No. 27 of this valuable periodical from the publishers, T. H. Carter & Co., containing the usual variety of valuable literature. This periodical is weekly, and contains, with, much foreign news.

We are truly gratified that we are asked to publish a notice of the opening of the Winter Term of the Worcester High school. (See advertisement.) We learn that the subscription is nearly completed. The struggle

has been hard among its friends; let those who have as yet done nothing, come, now, at once to their aid.

**THE REV. A. PINNEY.** of Groton, has accepted the call of the Baptist church in New England Village, Mass.

**THE REV. J. M. COBURN.** having resigned the Pastoral care of the Baptist church in Ellington, N. H., Rev. Wm. N. Sisson has accepted an invitation to become their Pastor.

#### GENERAL INTELLIGENCE.

##### Domestic.

##### THE ELECTION.

**MASSACHUSETTS.**—The election in this State took place on Monday. The returns from the whole State, with the exception of six small towns, are as follows:—67,418, for Mr. Clay; 52,546, for Mr. Polk; 10,860, for Mr. Birney;—For Governor, Mr. Briggs (Whig) has 69,038 votes; Mr. Bancroft, (Democrat) 54,189; Mr. Sewall, 9,664.

The majority for Mr. Clay is 3,712; for Mr. Briggs 5,155.—Members of Congress elected, Robert C. Winthrop, Daniel P. King, Amos Abbott, George Ashmun, Julius Rockwell, John Quincy Adams and Joseph Grinnell; all Whigs. In the 4th, 5th, 6th, and 10th Districts, there is no choice.

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The Cherokee Advocate is a neatly printed newspaper published weekly at Tablequah, Cherokee nation, in the English and Cherokee languages, at three dollars a year. The copy we receive is in English. The editor is William P. Ross, and his motto 'Our rights—our country—our race.' From the prospectus we learn that the Cherokee nation is the proprietor of the paper. Its objects are set forth in the following extract:

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